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BLUE BOOK

Class of 1947

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FOREWORD

After four years of high school life, dear Blue Book, you now contain all our fond memories of the students and faculty. We, the Seniors of the Class of 1947 have worked unceasingly to make you a success. Although each of us may take different paths in life, you, the Blue Book, will remain the uniting link to our class.

DEDICATION

We, the Class of 1947 of the Wilmington High School, dedicate this BLUE BOOK to Harold E. Driscoll, our Instructor and Coach for the past four years.

This Class deeply appreciates the privilege of receiving instruction in his classrooms and unites in the earnest wish that he may continue in health and strength to perform useful service to his pupils for many years to come.

To you who are leaving our High School this year as its most recent graduates, I extend every good wish for a happy and successful future.

Happiness and success are most likely to come to those who find that niche in life for which they are best fitted by natural ability and inclination; by those who have the desire to do their share in the work necessary for human progress.

There should ever be kept in mind two great truths which men have tried to evade, unsuccessfully, from time immemorial, namely:

"You cannot get something for nothing."
"No man can do your thinking for you."

Stephen G. Bean, SUPERINTENDENT

The world is going through a troublesome period with nations distrusting each other. People everywhere are uneasy; class is set against class; race opposes race; color of skin brings discrimination; and religions do not find it easy to agree upon the best way to worship God.

All problems confronting humanity can be solved if the people of good will can organize and work together. Failure to work together can bring an end to civilization.

You will forget many of the facts taught you in high school, but I hope you will inculcate and strengthen a tolerance for the other fellow's point of view and be big enough to agree to disagree amicably when you can't compromise. Remember that the other fellow has just as much right to his view as you have to yours, and that you have no more right to impose your view on him than he has to compel you to accept his view. May we all work together for the common good.

J. T. HOOD, JR., PRINCIPAL

MRS. EVELYN R. ANDERSON

Art

MISS ELENE W. FARELLO

Physics
Science
Biology
Chemistry

MISS ROSEMARY DALY

English
Latin
Ancient History

MISS EILEEN K. GREENWOOD

Civics
General Science
World History
Girls' Athletic Coach

MR. HAROLD E. DRISCOLL

Problems
Economics
United States History
Boys' Athletic Coach

MISS MARGARET M. HART

English

MISS SHIRLEY H. EMMONS

Typewriting
Mathematics
Geography

MR. GEORGE C. KAMBOUR

Sub-Master
Algebra
Trigonometry
Geometry

MISS OLIVE LITTLEHALE

Music

MISS LAURA N. MARLAND

English
History

MRS. STANLEY WEBBER

Stenography
Typewriting

MR. HAROLD McDONNELL

Band Master

MISS ANN M. McCARTHY

Junior Business Training
Bookkeeping
Consumer's Education

MISS GERALDYNE A. LYNCH

French
English

SENIOR DIRECTORY

Anomanisto, Vincent	Ballardvale St.	2481
Arbo, Norman	Nickerson Ave.	
Bischoff, Frederick	56 Burlington Ave.	586
Blake, Charles	54 High St.	767
Bemis, Mary	133 Grove Ave.	
Bosteels, Robert	Bartlett Street	769
Burbine, Jean	Mystic Ave.	2647
Buck, Richard	31 Church St.	871
Clements, Emily	Fitzgerald Terrace	733
Connolly, Dorothy	Marion St.	2566
Doucette, Bernice	96 Parker St.	
Downs, Estella	696 Woburn St.	592
Eaton, Ronald	80 Main St.	2217
Elia, John	Cor. Lowell and West	376
Findlay, Robert	38 Burlington Ave.	446
Finney, William	Bay Street	
Fitch, Geraldine	Hillside Way	2032
Gates, Earle	276 Lowell St.	2204
Gearty, Jean	122 Grove Ave.	791
Gilligan, Joseph	83 Burnap St.	896
Hardy, Joseph	5 State St.	895
Hickey, William	Oak St.	
Hillis, Roberta	Boutwell St.	
Holmes, Burtt	133 Burlington Ave.	722
Hourihan, John	Grove Ave.	352
Huntley, Elizabeth	43 Columbia St.	438
Johnson, Verda	102 Lowell St.	2548
Johnston, Marjorie	6 Wilde Ave.	
Leverone, Gertrude	20 Grove Ave.	
Lilley, Frederick	Massachusetts Ave.	
Manson, Albert	3 Fay Street	2456
Martin, Muriel	44 Boutwell St.	486
McQuaid, Everett	9 Grove Ave.	2283
Melzar, Elizabeth	Lake St.	2055
Moore, Charlotte	Westdale Ave.	2394
Murray, Catherine	28 Butters Row	
Noble, Nancy	Lake St.	
O'Leary, Phyllis	40 Swain Road	393
Oman, Dorothy	25 Thurston Ave.	717
Palmer, Ann	180 West St.	687
Peters, William	623 Woburn St.	855
Porter, Geraldine	12 Columbia St.	2280
Preston, Eleanor	Shawsheen Ave.	505
Quigg, Shirley	Belmont Ave.	2116
Rooney, Alice	Jones Ave.	2208
Smith, Dorothy	614 Main St.	
Smith, Grace	112 Burlington Ave.	755
Soule, Robert	Woburn Street	2457
Stevens, Rufus	Columbia Street	2368
Surrette, Bernard	Middlesex Ave.	765
Waisnor, Mildred	167 Forest St.	848
Webber, Julia	668 Main St.	2269
Wicks, Theodore	71 Parker St.	560
Wandell, Josephine	80 Grove Ave.	2597
Welling, James	10 Fay Street	2008
Kaizer, Sidney	Fay Street	
Swain, Robert	Middlesex Avenue	765

CLASS

47 SNAPSHOTS

VINCENT ANOMANISTO
"Vinny"

Civic 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 2, 3, 4
Baseball 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Sports

Pet Peeve: Absentee Slips

Ambition: To be another Dom Dimaggio

NORMAN ARBO
"Norm"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Traveling

Pet Peeve: Snobs

Ambition: To be a minister

MARY BEMIS
"Mary"

Commercial 1, 3
Civic 2, 4
Glee Club 1, 2

Hobby: Dancing

Pet Peeve: Homework

Ambition: To be a telephone operator

FREDERICK BISCHOFF
"Bish"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3
Assistant Business Manager of Yearbook
Class President 3, 4
Football 3, 4
Student Council 4

Hobby: Betty

Pet Peeve: Soule

Ambition: To build a subway in Wilmington

CHARLES BLAKE
"Charlie"

Commercial 1, 2, 3
Civic 4
Baseball 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Flo

Pet Peeve: Homework

Ambition: To be a 20-year Army man

ROBERT BOSTEELS
"Bob"

Civic 1, 2, 3, 4
Band 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1

Hobby: Ann

Pet Peeve: Shakespeare

Ambition: To graduate from W. H. S. with honors

RICHARD BUCK
"Irving"

College 1
Civic 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Fixing cars to the best of his ability

Pet Peeve: Make-up slips

Ambition: To be the president of Buck Brothers

JEAN BURBINE
"Jeanie"

Commercial 1, 2
Civic 3, 4
Glee Club 1
Art Class 3, 4
Humor Editor of Yearbook

Hobby: Poetry

Pet Peeve: Silly boys

Ambition: To be an artist

EMILY CLEMENTS
"Clem"

Civic 1, 2, 3, 4
Yearbook typist 4
Glee Club 1, 2
Field Hockey 1
Home Nursing 4

Hobby: Wearing an armful of jewelry

Pet Peeve: Men

Ambition: To be on time

DOROTHY CONNOLLY
"Dottie"

General 1, 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Collecting Songs

Pet Peeve: Homework

Ambition: To be a famous radio singer

BERNICE DOUCETTE
"Bernie"

Commercial 1, 2, 3, 4
Yeerbook typist 4
Glee Club 1, 3, 4

Hobby: Music

Pet Peeve: Being late

Ambition: To be an office worker

ESTELLA DOWNS
"Stella"

Commercial 1, 2, 3, 4
Yearbook Typist

Hobby: Jerking sodas

Pet Peeve: Auto accidents

Ambition: To own Torries

RONALD EATON
"Ronnie"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Sports

Pet Peeve: Wise guys

Ambition: Electrical engineer

JOHN ELIA
"Curly"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Student Council 3, 4
Treasurer of Class 3

Hobby: Hunting

Pet Peeve: Wiffles

Ambition: To be a traveling salesman

ROBERT FINDLAY
"Bob"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Art 1
President of Bowling League 4

Hobby: Bowling

Pet Peeve: Book reports

Ambition: To manage the First National

WILLIAM FINNEY
"Billy"

Civic 1, 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Collecting make-up slips

Pet Peeve: Homework

Ambition: Business executive

GERALDINE FITCH
"Gerry"

Commercial 1
General 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Drawing

Pet Peeve: United States History

Ambition: To be an interior decorator

JOSEPH HARDY
"Joe"

Civic 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2
Football 1, 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Sports

Pet Peeve: U. S. History

Ambition: To graduate from W. H. S. with honors

EARLE GATES
"Rusty"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 3, 4
Drawing 3, 4

Hobby: Taking pictures

Pet Peeve: A tease

Ambition: To be a meteorologist

WILLIAM HICKEY
"Chuck"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 4
Art 3, 4

Hobby: Loafing

Pet Peeve: Absentee slips

Ambition: To go to art school

JEAN GEARTY
"Jean"

College 1, 2
General 3, 4
Band 2, 3

Hobby: Collecting men

Pet Peeve: Writing letters

Ambition: To be ambitious

ROBERTA HILLIS
"Blackie"

Commercial 1, 2, 3
Civic 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Yearbook Typist
Cheer Leader 3, 4

Hobby: Swimming

Pet Peeve: Wet jelly donuts

Ambition: To have fun

JOSEPH GILLIGAN
"Joe"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 1, 2, 3
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Sports

Pet Peeve: School

Ambition: Not to work

BURTT HOLMES
"Burtt"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Football Captain 1, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 4
Student Council 3, 4
Business Manager of Yearbook
President Student Council 4
President of Class 2
Vice-President Class 4

Hobby: Nancy

Pet Peeve: Women

Ambition: Ambitionless

JOHN HOURIHAN
"Stretch"

Civic 3, 4
Basketball 3, 4

Hobby: Women

Pet Peeve: Absentee slips

Ambition: To get out of school

SIDNEY KAIZER
"Tiny"

Civic 1, 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Driving

Pet Peeve: Homework

Ambition: To be an Army lieutenant

ELIZABETH HUNTLEY
"Lizzy"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1
Bowling League Treasurer 4

Hobby: Driving

Pet Peeve: Homework

Ambition: To be a college grad

GERTRUDE LEVERONE
"Gertie"

Commercial 4

Hobby: Bowling

Pet Peeve: Coming in Late

Ambition: To be a millionaire

VERDA JOHNSON
"Jackie"

Commercial 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1
Yearbook Typist 4
Essayist 4

Hobby: Riding around in the latest cars

Pet Peeve: Friendly enemies

Ambition: To travel

FREDERICK LILLEY
"Fred"

Commercial 2
Civic 3, 4
Absentee Committee

Hobby: Fixing cars

Pet Peeve: Blushing

Ambition: To own Caine's garage

MARJORIE JOHNSTON
"Margie"

Commercial 2
Civic 3, 4
Glee Club 3, 4
Basketball 4
Cheer Leader 3

Hobby: Dancing

Pet Peeve: People who eat pickles and potato chips in the show

Ambition: To be a successful career girl

ALBERT MANSON
"Albie"

Commercial 1, 2, 3
General 4
Student Council 3, 4
Bowling League 4
Class Prophecy

Hobby: Writing to Evelyn

Pet Peeve: To be opposed

Ambition: To be a 20-year Army man with Charles

MURIEL MARTIN
"Mim"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Student Council 3, 4, Treasurer 3
Basketball 3, 4
Band 1, 2
Assistant Art Editor of Oracle
Cheerleader 3, 4
Library Staff 4
Validictorian

Hobby: Reading books

Pet Peeve: Libby

Ambition: To be a school marm

EVERETT McQUAID
"Porky"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Art Class 1, 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Making model planes

Pet Peeve: Make-up work

Ambition: To get out of school

ELIZABETH MELZAR
"Libby"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 3, 4
May Queen Attendant 1
Secretary 2, 3

Hobby: Two-timing men

Pet Peeve: Insincerity

Ambition: To be on time

CHARLOTTE MOORE
"Cuddles"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1
Basketball 3, 4
Hockey 1
Bowling League 4
Library Staff 4

Hobby: Traveling to Reading

Pet Peeve: People who break dates

Ambition: To own her own business

CATHERINE MURRAY
"Kay"

Commercial 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1
Yearbook typist 4
Hockey 1, 2, 4

Hobby: Joe

Pet Peeve: U. S. History

Ambition: To be the first woman State Commissioner

NANCY NOBLE
"Dodie"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 4
Hockey 1
Library Staff 4

Hobby: Skating

Pet Peeve: People who talk in the movies

Ambition: To be a good school teacher

PHYLLIS O'LEARY
"Dynamite"

Commercial 1, 2, 3, 4
Yearbook typist 4
Cheerleader 4
Glee Club 1, 2

Hobby: Drinking coffee and eating dry jelly doughnuts

Pet Peeve: Waiting for people

Ambition: To be a stenographer

DOROTHY OMAN
"Dottie"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Treasurer 4
Assistant Manager of basketball 3
Manager of basketball 4
Library Staff 4
Salutatorian

Hobby: Reading

Pet Peeve: Tardy slips

Ambition: To be successful in life

ANN PALMER
"Ann"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3
Basketball 3
Hockey 1
Bowling League 4
Library Staff 4

Hobby: Turk

Pet Peeve: Working

Ambition: To own Jordans'

SHIRLEY QUIGG
"Shirley"

Commercial 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Yearbook typist 4

Hobby: Skating

Pet Peeve: Operations

Ambition: Secretary

WILLIAM PETERS
"Pete"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3

Hobby: Hunting

Pet Peeve: Monday mornings

Ambition: Not to work hard

ALICE ROONEY
"Alice"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1
Band 1, 2, 3
Glee Club 2

Hobby: Joe

Pet Peeve: Make-up work

Ambition: Hairdresser

GERALDINE PORTER
"Gerry"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1
Assistant Editor of Yearbook
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3 Absentee Committee 4
Class Secretary 4
May Queen attendant 1, 2
Hockey 1, 4
Cheerleader 4
Editor of Oracle
Vice President of Student Council

Hobby: Danny

Pet Peeve: Getting up on cold mornings

Ambition: To out-talk John Elia

DOROTHY SMITH
"Dot"

Commercial 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1
Yearbook typist 4

Hobby: Collecting male photographs

Pet Peeve: History tests

Ambition: To be a secretary

ELEANOR PRESTON
"El"

Commercial 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3
Field Hockey 1
Yearbook Typist
Editor-in-Chief of Yearbook
Absentee Committee 4
Secretary of Bowling League 4
Class Will

Hobby: Talking on the Ameche

Pet Peeve: Doing Housework

Ambition: To see the world

GRACE SMITH
"Mitzy"

Commercial 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2
Yearbook typist 4
Student Council 4
Oracle Staff 4

Hobby: Collecting coins

Pet Peeve: Commercials on the radio

Ambition: To be a traveling secretary

ROBERT SOULE
"Bill"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1

Hobby: Bobby

Pet Peeve: Homework

Ambition: To acquire an ambition

MILDRED WAISNOR
"Judy"

Commercial 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Yearbook typist 4
Student Council 4
Hockey 1
Oracle Staff 4
Cheerleader 4
Class History

Hobby: Riding in Cadillacs

Pet Peeve: The morning after the night before

Ambition: To be the boss' wife

RUFUS STEVENS
"Rufe"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 1, 2
Football Manager 3, 4
Baseball 1
Baseball Manager 2

Hobby: Fishing

Pet Peeve: School

Ambition: Not to work

JOSEPHINE WANDELL
"Sis"

College 1
Commercial 2
Civic 3, 4
Glee Club 2
Cheerleader 4
Majorette 2

Hobby: Swimming

Pet Peeve: Make-up slips

Ambition: To settle down

BERNARD SURRETTE
"Peewee"

Civic 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 2, 3, 4

Hobby: Collecting pictures

Pet Peeve: Little kids

Ambition: To be an electrician

JULIA WEBBER
"Julie"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Yearbook typist 4
Art Class 1
Library Staff 4

Hobby: Collecting buttons

Pet Peeve: Loud sneezing

Ambition: To enter into the advertising field

ROBERT SWAIN
"Bob"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1
Vice-President 2, 3
Treasurer Student Council 4

Hobby: Baseball

Pet Peeve: People who call me stupid

Ambition: To enter into the athletic field

JAMES WELLING
"Jimmy"

Civic 1, 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2
Football 1, 2

Hobby: Dancing

Pet Peeve: Girls

Ambition: To get married

THEODORE WICKS
"Ted"

College 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4

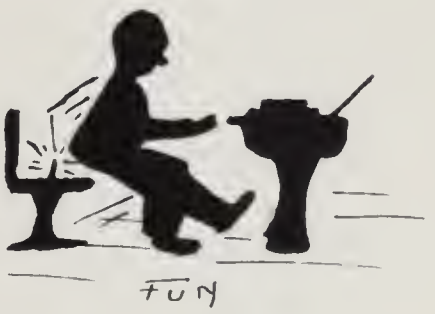
Hobby: Sports

Pet Peeve: Buying gas

Ambition: To be another Ted Williams

FRESHMAN'S FIRST DAY

J. BURLINE



"HALL OF FAME"

CLASS OF '47

BEST LIKED	Gerry Porter	Fred Bischoff
MOST POPULAR	Gerry Porter	Fred Bischoff
PRETTIEST GIRL	Libby Melzar	
HANDSOMEST BOY		Charlie Blake
SMOOTHEST GIRL	Gerry Porter	
BEST DRESSED	Lizzy Huntley	Burtt Holmes
BEST PERSONALITY	Gerry Porter	Fred Bischoff
MOST VERSATILE	Gerry Porter	Burtt Holmes
BEST SCHOLAR	Muriel Martin	Earle Gates
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	Eleanor Preston	Fred Bischoff
MOST MISCHEVIOUS	Phyllis O'Leary	Robert Soule
MOST SILENT	Lizzy Huntley	Fred Lilley
NOISEIEST	Phyllis O'Leary	Robert Soule
SHARPEST BOY		Burtt Holmes
BEST DANCER	Marjorie Johnston	Fred Bischoff
BEST ATHLETE	Gerry Porter	BURTT HOLMES
MOST HUMOROUS	Jean Burbine	Robert Soule
MOST RESPECTED	Muriel Martin	Fred Bischoff
NEVER ON TIME	Ann Palmer	Robert Blaisdell
BEST DISPOSITION	Eleanor Preston	John Elia
MOST SINCERE	Gerry Porter	Fred Bischoff
CLASS PALS	Roberta Hillis Phyllis O'Leary	Fred Bischoff Robert Soule
BEST LEADER	Muriel Martin	Fred Bischoff
IDEAL W. H. S. STUDENT	Muriel Martin	Fred Bischoff
CLASS ARTISTS	Jean Burbine	William Hickey
MOST INDUSTRIOUS	Muriel Martin	Earle Gates
CLASS MAN HATER	Julia Webber	

CLASS WOMAN HATER		John Elia
LARGEST VOCABULARY	Muriel Martin	Billy Peters
CLASS DEBATOR	Dotty Oman	John Elia
PRETTIEST EYES	Libby Melzar	Billy Peters
BEST SPORT	Gerry Porter	John Elia
MOST COURTEOUS	Muriel Martin	Fred Bischoff
MOST BASHFUL	Lizzy Huntley	Fred Lilley
MOST INTELLIGENT	Muriel Martin	Earle Gates
CLASS OPTIMIST	Gerry Porter	John Elia
CLASS PESSIMIST	Julia Webber	Albert Manson
MOST POPULAR JUNIOR	Nancy Odione	Jim Tarricone
MOST POPULAR SOPHOMORE	Margaret Riddle	Arthur Spear
MOST POPULAR FRESHMAN	Florence Spear	Bobby Goss
CLASS BABY	Julia Webber	Norman Arbo
BEST TYPIST	Eleanor Preston	
CLASS CUPID	Phyllis O'Leary	John Elia
MOST TALKATIVE	Mildred Waisnor	Robert Soule
BEST ACTRESS	Roberta Hillis	
BEST ACTOR		Robert Soule
CLASS POET	Jean Burbine	Robert Soule
MOST RELIABLE	Muriel Martin	Fred Bischoff
MOST DEPENDABLE	Muriel Martin	Fred Bischoff
MOST CONSCIENCIOUS	Muriel Martin	Robert Findlay
CLASS CLOWN	Phyllis O'Leary	Robert Soule
MOST STUDIOUS	Muriel Martin	Earle Gates
CLASS SHOW-OFF	Roberta Hillis	Robert Soule
CLASS GIGGLER	Phyllis O'Leary	Rufus Stevens
FIRST TO MARRY	Mildred Waisnor	Robert Soule
CUTEST	Gerry Porter	Billy Peters
MOST SOPHISTICATED	Libby Melzar	Fred Bischoff
MOST DIGNIFIED	Muriel Martin	Robert Findlay
FAVORITE TEACHER	Mr. Kambour	

"CAN YOU IMAGINE"

Anomanisto, V.	Speaker of the House
Arbo, N.	A man of few words
Bischoff, F.	Becoming excited
Blaisdell, R.	Getting to school on time
Blake, C.	A bachelor
Bemis, M.	Going somewhere alone
Bosteels, R.	Dating a high school girl
Burbine, J.	A sophisticated young lady
Buck, R.	A tobacco-auctioneer
Clements, E.	Teaching physical education
Connolly, D.	Another "Elsa Maxwell"
Doucette, B.	Refusing to lend a helping hand
Downs, E.	Letting loose with a Tarzan yell
Eaton, R.	A woman-hater
Elia, J.	Getting mixed up with society
Findlay, R.	The manager of an A & P store
Finney, W.	Looking like Abraham Lincoln
Fitch, G.	With short fingernails
Gates, E.	Forgetting his way to Forest Street
Gearty, J.	A show girl
Gilligan, J.	As anything but a comedian
Hardy, J.	A college graduate!
Hickey, W.	Running out of telephone numbers
Hillis, R.	With her hair bleached blonde
Holmes, B.	Dating a brunette
Hourihan, J.	Not bragging
Huntley, E.	Dancing in a floor show
Johnson, V.	A fat lady in a circus
Johnston, M.	"Miss America of 1957"
Kaizer, S.	Joining the army
Leverone, G.	Raising a rumpus
Lilley, F.	As another "Arthur Murray"
Manson, A.	Reforming
Martin, M.	Failing in life
Moore, C.	Without a package of gum
McQuaid, E.	Giving the fairer sex consideration
Melzar, E.	An old maid
Murray, C.	As a basketball star
O'Leary, P.	Six feet tall
Oman, D.	As a talent scout
Palmer, A.	The first woman president
Peters, W.	Writing to a girl
Porter, G.	Without a date
Preston, E.	In a dance team
Quigg, S.	Frivolous and silly
Rooney, A.	Being a soldier's wife
Smith, D.	Riding in anything but a Ford
Smith, G.	Going with a boy from Wilmington
Soule, R.	"Slowing down"
Stevens, R.	A second John Keiran
Surrette, B.	With a whiffle
Swain, R.	Becoming round-shouldered carrying books
Waisnor, M.	Running out of conversation
Wandell, J.	Going with less than two fellows at once
Welling, J.	Doing hard work
Wicks, T.	Stiltwalking

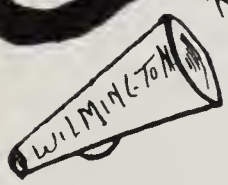
NAME	HOW WE RECOGNIZE THEM
Anomonisto, V.	That ambiguous look
Arbo, N.	By his indifference
Bemis, M.	Her willing cooperation
Bischoff, F.	By his brush
Blake, C.	By that Spear in his heart
Bosteels, R.	By his constant drumming
Buck, R.	By his mechanical powers
Burbine, J.	Her quick humor
Clements, E.	By her frankness
Connolly, D.	By her silence
Doucette, B.	All a-flutter, especially at recess
Downs, E.	That far-away look
Eaton, R.	As a little chap with big ideas
Elia, J.	By his nagging inquisitiveness
Findlay, R.	Asking questions
Finney, W.	By his dimensions
Fitch, G.	By that tall, Reading blonde
Gates, E.	Trying, to no avail, to prevent Judy from grabbing a cab
Gearty, J.	By her dreaming
Gilligan, J.	By his melodic voice bubbling with sonatas
Hardy, J.	By his bashfulness--Ha!
Hickey, W.	Pursuing young maidens
Hillis, R.	By her incomparable "back-yard" swing
Holmes, B.	That horse-laugh
Hourihan, J.	Forever boasting
Huntley, E.	A little girl with a smile so sweet, curly hair and a style so neat
Johnson, V.	Daintiness and all that goes with it
Johnston, M.	Joe-of-all-trades
Kaizer, S.	By his gift from the science prof
Leverone, G.	By that Lushous locket
Lilley, F.	Assisting the milkman
Manson, A.	By his reluctance
Martin, M.	Always loquacious about that class of '43
McQuaid, E.	By his unconsciousness
Moore, C.	Her cherubic air with those jokes
Murray, C.	By her comical phases of life
Noble, N.	Her cherubic airiness
Oman, D.	Constantly chatting
O'Leary, P.	By the quiver of that Roman god of love strapped on her back
Palmer, A.	Going places
Peters, W.	Boyish and bashful
Porter, G.	A finger in every pie
Preston, E.	Atomic personality
Quigg, S.	By her modesty
Rooney, A.	By her scar
Smith, D.	By her winning ways
Smith, G.	Blessed with all the graces
Soule, R.	Resting in the cemetary
Stevens, R.	His unequalled giggle
Surrette, B.	His pride and joy--the children in school
Swain, R.	By his diminutive features
Waisnor, M.	Swinging on the Gates
Wandell, J.	Giggling, osculant, and flirting
Webber, J.	By her conscientiousness
Welling, J.	His sprawled positions
Wicks, T.	By his church-going energy

Name	Famous For	Ought to Be	Will Be
Anomonisto, V.	Tearing pages out of books	Stand-in for Dom DiMaggio	Bat boy for Boston Red Sox
Arbo, N.	Noticing the girls	Talent Scout	Minister
Bemis, M.	Jewelry	Chorus girl	Worker in Woolworth's
Bishoff, F.	Going to the dances stag	Speaker of the House	Hen-pecked husband
Blake, C.	Variety of girl friends	King with a harem	A bachelor
Buck, R.	Flying "low"	Heir to his father's business	Grease monkey
Burbine, J.	Poems	Poet	Writer for "Gag"
Bosteels, R.	Worn jalopy	Wolf	Married
Clements, E.	[illegible]nality	Dignified	A play-girl
Connolly, D.	[illegible]etness	Singer	Ranch owner
Doucette, B.	Her saying, "To Each His Own"	Owner of a watch company	Still typing 12A's History sheets
Downs, E.	Not getting to important events	Farmer's wife	Banker's wife
Eaton, R.	Quietness	Movie-projector operator	Share-holder in M. G. M.
Elia, J.	His "Beachie"	In the Black Market	Caught
Findlay, R.	Being friendly to strangers	Social Worker	Iceman
Finney, W.	Practical pranks	Business Executive	Barber
Fitch, G.	Curly-haired boyfriend	Glamour girl	Business woman
Gates, E.	Dates with Judy	An expert on "chickens"	Judy's man
Gearty, J.	Babyishness	Interested in Lowell	Living there
Gilligan, J.	Sharp clothes	Song writer	Singing commercials on the radio
Hillis, R.	Correspondence	Dancing Instructor	Head of a Lonely Hearts Club

Name	Famous For	Ought to Be	Will Be
Holmes, B.	His "chicken"	Football star	Model husband
Hourihan, J.	His height	Newspaper reporter	Selling papers for his father
Huntley, E.	Clothes	Well known	Best dressed woman in 1955
Johnson, V.	Gray hairs	A blonde	A redhead
Johnston, M.	Eating pickles and potato chips	Soda jerk	Kay's rival
Kaizer, S.	Army Career	Revolutionizing the Army	Physicist
Leverone, G.	Her bangs	Shakespearean actress	Usherette
Lilley, F.	Shyness	Leader of an all girl band	The silent partner to "Speed Riggs"
Manson, A.	Petitions	Politician	Owner of an Economy store
Martin, M.	Blonde tresses	School teacher	Professional basketball player
Melzar, E.	Collection of men	Opera star	Vocalist for Harry James
McQuaid, E.	Grocery business	Manager	Errand boy
Moore, C.	Getting off the school bus	Made to stay on	Happy when June comes
Murray, K.	Silly giggle	Silenced	Still waiting for Joe
Noble, N.	Southern hospitality	Swimming instructor	Jitterbug
O'Leary, P.	Matching	Married	In partnership with Roberta
Oman, D.	Short stories	Librarian	Literature teacher
Palmer, A.	Veteran friends	Well amused	Kept happy
Peters, W.	His winsome smile	Lady killer	Walking ad for the Pepsodent Company
Porter, G.	Directing activities	Congresswoman	Danny's companion
Preston, E.	Ability to keep a secret	Champion speed typist	Head of the Commercial Department
Quigg, S.	Crushes	Going steady	Single
Rooney, A.	Attractive eyes	Hairdresser	Bradley's wife
Smith, D.	Blushing	Heard from more	Just as quiet

Name	Famous For	Ought to Be	Will Be
Smith, G.	Publishing the "Oracle"	Owner of a New York syndicate	A navy man's wife
Soule, R.	Scratching mosquito-bites	Married	Broke if he is
Stevens, R.	Love for peaches	Used car dealer	Minister
Surrette, B.	His whiffle	A teacher	Married
Swain, R.	His walk	Successor to Jimmy Fidler	Mr. Anthony's right hand man
Waisnor, M.	Secret dates	Sophisticated	Just as silly
Wandell, J,	Her jokes	Comedian	Belle of the town
Webber, J.	Class librarian	School teacher	Advertising executive
Welling, J.	Modesty	Married	Hermit
Wicks, T.	His church-going	Pitcher	Star for the Bruins

SPORTS



BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM

First Row: J. Hardy, R. Swain, B. Surette, R. Eaton
B. Holmes, W. Hickey, T. Wicks, V. Anomonisto
F. Bischoff

Second Row: J. Tarricone, E. Sadowski, R. Taylor, A. Fullford, C. Sullivan, L. Woods, W. Spring, R. Goss, R. Ritchie, Mr. Driscoll, Coach

Third Row: J. Gilligan, J. Surette, A. Spear, B. Chischolm, N. Stewart, P. Carpenter, J. Landers, G. Landry, F. Johnston, R. Pipes, R. Woods, R. Stevens

SCHEDULE

Howe	0	Wilmington	1	(forfeit)
Burlington	0	Wilmington	7	
Dracut	6	Wilmington	6	
Andover J. V.	6	Wilmington	20	
Ayer	13	Wilmington	13	
Central Catholic J. V.	0	Wilmington	28	
Tewksbury	21	Wilmington	6	

Won--4 Tied--2 Lost--1

BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

First Row: .B. Holmes, R. Swain, J. Gilligan, R. Stevens, A. Spear, T. Wicks

Second Row: C. Woodman, M. MacKenzie, J. Chinn, W. Chischolm, N. Stewart, W. Spring, Mr. Driscoll, Coach

Third Row: R. Taylor, F. Johnston, J. Hourihan, R. Ritchie

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

First Row: M. Martin, J. Boylen, E. Melzar, G. Porter, B. Weatherbee, N. Odiorne, M. Wiseman

Second Row: M. Welling, D. Oman, M. Chischolm, P. Tighe, M. Smith, J. Preston, B. Moore, Miss Greenwood, Coach

Third Row: C. Moore, J. York, C. Jacquith, C. Martino

GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM

First Row: Mary Bedell, Margery Bedell
Gerry Porter, Catherine Murray
Beatrice Weatherbee

Second Row: Jean Boyd, Audrey Irwin,
Catherine Martino, Marsha Wiseman,
Miss Greenwood, Coach,
Josephine Wandell, Jean Boylen,
Marie Haley, Marie Chisholm

Third Row: Hazel O'Brien, Ruth Russell,
Emily Clements, Virginia Hallet,
Nancy Odiorne

CHEER LEADERS

First Row: Gerry Porter, Phyllis O'Leary
Roberta Hillis, Muriel Martin,
Mildred Waisnor, Virginia Hood

Second Row: Joan Preston, Barbara Moore,
Patricia Tighe, Terry Ryan,
Catherine Jacquith, Ethel Cain,
Josephine Wandell

ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR CLASS

This class of boys and girls entered Wilmington High School in Nineteen Hundred and Forty Two. They have proven themselves worthy, by their long successful climb to the top.

As Sophomore's they elected their first class officers: President, Charles Sullivan; Vice-President, James Tarricone; Secretary, Joan Preston; Treasurer, Marjorie Wood. Providing four members to the Student Council: William Buck, James Tarricone, Virginia Hood, and Catherine Jacquith. Now, in their third year, the officers elected were: President, James Tarricone; Vice-President, Beatrice Weatherbee; Secretary, Catherine Jacquith; Treasurer, Terry Ryan. Their representatives for the Student Council were: Karl Woodman, Lois Pilcher, Paul Mooney, William Buck, and Daniel Bull.

We, the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred and Forty Seven wish all the members of this class the best of luck in their Senior year, and in the years to follow.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Entering Wilmington High School in Nineteen Hundred and Forty Three, this class started on the long hard road leading to the top. Completing two full years of High School routine, they are now forming their minds to a successful High School career.

The honor of becoming the first self-elected officers of this class was given to Arthur Spear, President; William Chisholm, Vice-President; Patricia Lassiter, Secretary; Catherine Martino, Treasurer. They were represented in the Student Council by electing Arthur Spear, Margaret Riddle, William Chisholm, and Paul Berrigan.

In their first year this group of energetic young people chose William Chisholm, Paul Berrigan, and Margaret Riddle to represent their class in the Student Council.

We, the class of Nineteen Hundred and Forty Seven wish the Sophomore Class continued success.

THE FRESHMAN CLASS

The Freshman Class entered Wilmington High School midst the excitement and confusion that is hereditary with all new classes.

During the first few weeks, the Freshmen were taught the rules and regulations under the able supervision of the Senior traffic monitors.

The Freshmen have one consolation--that one day they will be Seniors and have charge of the new classes. We, the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Seven, extend our sincere hope for their success.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

First Row: V. Nitchie, B. Bertwell, J. Boyd, M. Waisnor, J. Bell, M. Chischolm, M. Haley, B. Doucette, E. Cain, D. Frotton

Second Row: M. Sharp, L. Manson, M. Riddle, M. Welling, J. Babine, J. Webber, E. Melzar, P. Tighe, M. Bedell, R. Hillis, S. Quigg, M. Bedell, R. Holden, A. Irwin, B. Doucette

Third Row: B. Wise, G. Clifford, M. Boylen, C. Jacquith, M. Wood, M. Johnston, M. Martin, N. LaCreta, R. Russel, B. Galka, M. Wiseman, J. Boylen, F. Spear, V. Anstey

Fourth Row: J. Collucci, G. Smith, E. Preston, E. Burns, J. Babine, D. Whalen, T. Murray, J. Provest, D. Oman

BOYS' CHORUS

First Row: Donald Blaisdell, Richard Day, Paul Mooney, Donald McLain, Malcolm Mackenzie, Frank Carta, Peter LePore

Second Row: Carl Woodman, David Sullivan, Robert Findlay, Ronald Eaton, Robert Ritchie, Kenneth Neagle, Edward Sadowski, Arthur Spear, James Landers

Third Row: Bert Hadley, Richard Livesy, Charles Sullivan, Robert Goss, Robert Pipes, Norman Arbo, Augustus Landry, Thomas Troy

MIXED CHORUS

First Row: Richard Day, Marjorie Johnston, Margaret Donahue, Jean Boyd, June Bell, Marie Chisholm, Mary Bedell, Bernice Doucette, Carl Woodman

Second Row: Robert Findlay, Virginia Nitchie, Dorothy Oman, Marjorie Wood, Jean Babine, Julia Webber, Elizabeth Melzar, Patricia Tighe, Margery Bedell, Roberta Hillis, Shirley Quigg, Mary Boylen, Arthur Spear

Third Row: Catherine Jaquith, Bert Hadley, Norman Arbo, Muriel Martin, Robert Pipes, Charles Sullivan, Norma LaCreta, Augustus Landry, Ronald Eaton, Ruth Russell

SCHOOL BAND

First Row: M. Darling, W. Monroe, A. Banks, B. Fairweather, M. Gardiner, N. Gardiner, A. Fairweather

Second Row: R. Cain, R. Crispo, D. MacLeod, R. Pierce, R. Smith, R. Darling, E. Richards, E. Frotten

Third Row: H. Danico, C. Kambour, S. Solo, B. Fagan, L. Forter, L. Smith, W. Thomas

HOME NURSING CLASS

First Row: Dorothy Smith, Claire Bishop, Charlotte Cutter, Joan Preston, Claire Bemis

Second Row: Evelyn McDonough, Virginia Hood, Mary Wicks, Beatrice Weatherbee, Barbara Moore

Third Row: Terry Ryan, Catherine Dalaimo, Doris Richards, Nancy Odiorne

ART CLASS

First Row: B. Frotton, P. Berrigan, P. Lassiter, J. Burbine, L. DeLisle, J. Beauregard, G. Fitch, R. Kambour, L. Christiansen

Second Row: E. Gates, P. Dayton, H. Donahue, G. Arvidson, S. Wilkish, V. Nitchie, J. Hardy, W. Hickey, R. Goss

Third Row: W. Fabiano, P. Carpenter, R. Palmer, R. Drew, J. Theil, E. Irwin, E. McQuaid

MOVIE PROJECTION OPERATORS

Left to Right: Charles Sullivan, Robert Findlay
Ronald Eaton, William Buck

SENIOR TYPISTS

First Row: Dorothy Smith, Catherine Murray, Mildred Waisnor, Phyllis O'Leary, Bernice Doucette

Second Row: Estella Downs, Roberta Hillis, Emily Clements, Shirley Quigg,

Third Row: Eleanor Preston, Verda Johnson, Grace Smith, Julia Webber

STUDENT COUNCIL

First Row: Karl Woodman, Vice-President; Robert Swain, Treasurer; Miss E. Farello, Student Council Advisor; Burtt Holmes, President; Gerry Porter, Secretary

Second Row: Henry Mann, Paul Berrigan, Mildred Waisnor, Margaret Riddle, Muriel Martin, Grace Smith, Albert Manson, Paul Mooney

Third Row: Roger Kambour, Daniel Bull, John Elia, William Buck, Fred Bischoff, William Chischolm, Arthur Spear

YEARBOOK STAFF

Editor-in-Chief	Eleanor Preston
Assistant Editor	Gerry Porter
Humor Editor	Jean Burbine
Business Manager	Burtt Holmes
Assistant Manager	Fred Bischoff
Art	Chuck Hickey
Sports	Rufus Stevens

SENIOR MONITORS

First Row: Robert Findlay, Ronald Eaton, Burtt Holmes

Second Row: William Hickey, Earle Gates, Charles Blake, Fred Bischoff, John Elia, Norman Arbo

ORACLE STAFF

Editor--Gerry Porter

Art--Fred Bischoff
Muriel Martin

Sports--Arthur Spear

Advertising--Karl Woodman

Social Chatter--Billy Chischolm

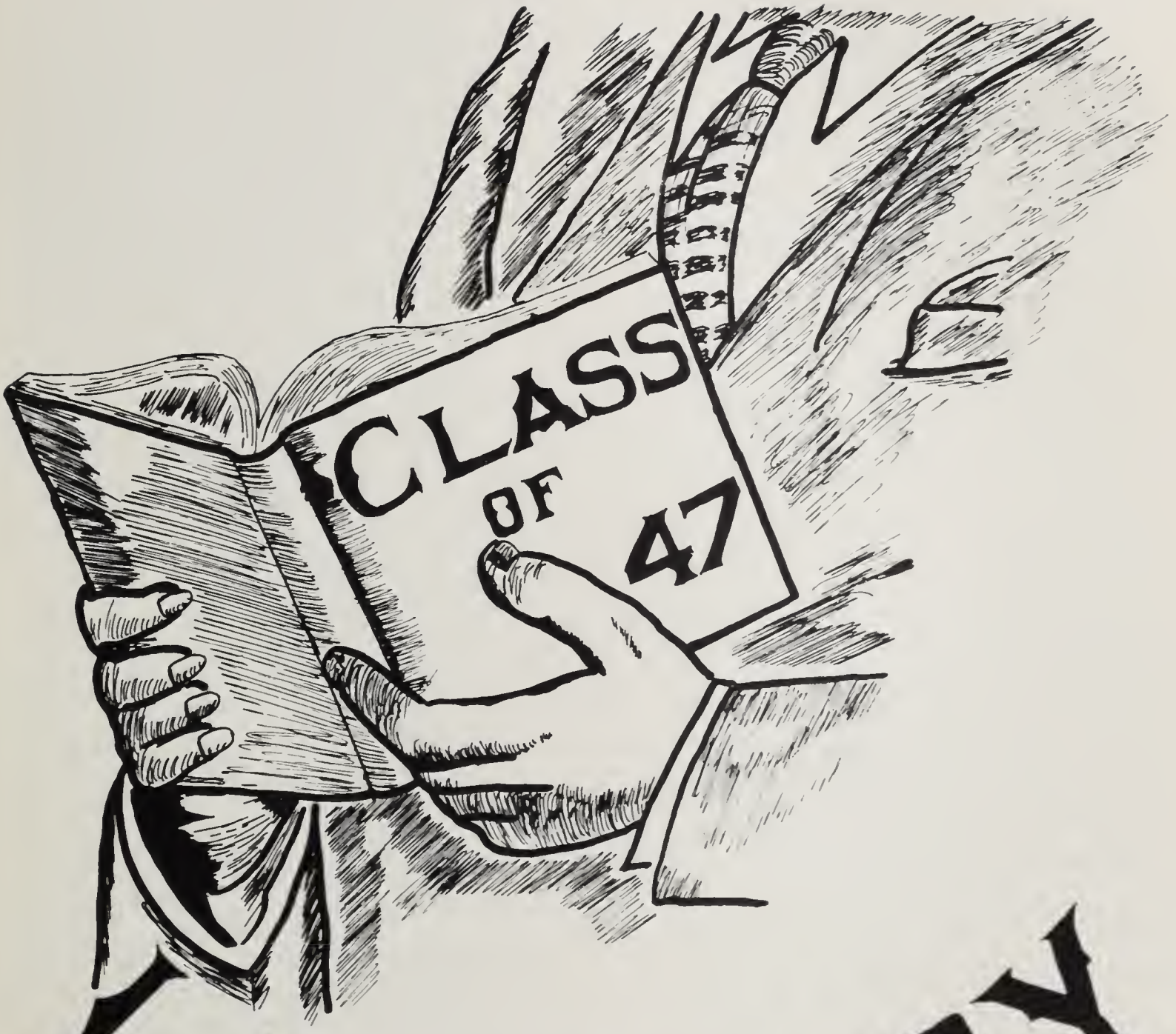
Gossip Column--Mildred Waisnor
Robert Swain

Composition Editor--Grace Smith

AUTOGRAPHS

Olive Lubbock

EXIT



LITERARY

VALEDICTORY

A HISTORY OF WILMINGTON

The Time: the year 1730.

The Place: the Great and General Court of Massachusetts in Boston.

The Object: the creation of a separate township from the already existing Woburn and Reading.

Travel from the outskirts of Woburn to the center of the township, the village meeting-house, in the early 1700's was by no means easy or comfortable in the heat of the summer and the cold and snow of the winter. Therefore, the settlers in the "Land of Goshen" and the "Land of Nod" petitioned the General Court for a separate township where they might build their own church and relieve themselves of the burden of the long and wearisome jaunt to Woburn every Sunday. The petition was granted and the quaint, Biblically named sections of "Goshen" and "Nod" were combined to form the new town of Wilmington. Not long after, the farms of seven residents of Billerica were added to the new township, enlarging it to a district about seven miles in length and four miles in width at the middle, then narrowing to the ends.

Among the names of the first families of the town can be found Jacquith, Boutwell, Buck, and Harndan. The homes of these families are recorded as having been built around the middle and late 1600's. After the year 1700 more and more settlers came to Goshen and Nod as exemplified by the large number found in the ranks of the founders of the church in the new town.

In the early days of Massachusetts a church had to be organized before a town could be "set off." The first church in Wilmington was the Congregational Church. It was organized in 1730 and according to the agreement made between the town fathers and the General Court the meeting-house was erected a little north of the present building by 1733. It was a rude, unpainted structure, but it served its purpose well until in 1764 it was enlarged and improved in several ways to care for the growing population.

Because of its late founding, the town escaped the witchcraft delusion and certain other horrors prevalent in the earlier townships. However, there is the legend of Captain Kidd's treasure, and the story of the Indian massacre of one branch of the Harnden family.

There is little to be said of the town's history from the time of its founding until the time of the Revolutionary War. No small proportion of the burden of the French and Indian Wars on this continent fell upon Massachusetts. Wilmington contributed both men and materials. But as the years progressed, the townspeople showed themselves most loyal to the colonies and their struggle for freedom. In 1768, six and a half years before the Battle of Lexington, a delegate was sent to a convention in Boston, airing public grievances against the mother country. The next few years were comparatively quiet, but the year 1773 opened with the rumblings of the approaching Revolution. The townspeople began building up a stock of powder and ball. When Boston was cut off from all its trade by sea, a town meeting pledged the town of Wilmington to join with Boston for the security of civil rights and the recovery of those taken from the colony by force. In March, 1775, some of the townsman began organizing and drilling, and thus, early on the fateful morning of April 19, 1775, two companies of Minute Men left for battle. They fought at Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill. All in all, 260 men of Wilmington were included in the revolutionists' ranks, indicating that nearly all the able-bodied men of the town were engaged in the struggle for liberty.

The eighteenth century was brought to a close with a hint of the agricultural, industrial, and commercial activity and prosperity that was to come to the town within the next fifty years. In 1794, Colonel Loammi Baldwin, the engineer, turned the first sod of the Middlesex Canal, the earliest canal opened in the United States for the transportation of passengers and merchandise. It opened in 1803 for traffic. The route lay from the Merrimac River, near Middlesex Village, to Billerica, through the Concord River to the Shawsheen, through Wilmington and Woburn to the Mystic River and through Medford to Charlestown. From 1817 to 1836 the canal flourished, but with the building of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, and the operation of the first steam train in this part of the country in 1835, at least two-thirds of the canal's commercial activities were diverted to that line and the waterway ceased to pay.

The town's chief agricultural product gave rise to the "hop era" from 1806 to 1837. Hops at that time were of such great value to the town that Wilmington nearly came to be called Hoptown. This crop contributed much in making the community famous for a short time.

After the hop industry faded, diversified farming furnished the livelihood for most of the inhabitants. However, not many of the farms were on a large scale. Hence, some people turned to specialties, such as the cranberry. The meat business did a great deal in building up the general prosperity of the people of Wilmington. The largest single industry of the town was, and still is, the Tannery. Lumbering also proved an important business. Moreover, the Baldwin apple has brought fame to the town where it originated. On account of the efforts of the same Colonel Loammi Baldwin, who was responsible for the Middlesex Canal, the Baldwin found a forward position in the fruit market. The sight of the original tree was preserved for future generations with the monument on Chestnut Street, erected in 1898 by the Rumford Historical Association.

Meanwhile, ninety-six men from Wilmington had gone to serve the Union in the Civil War. Of these, fourteen lost their lives. Another became a general and was commander of a regiment which captured Jefferson Davis, near Macon, Georgia.

The latter half of the nineteenth century saw the floodtide of prosperity dwindle somewhat, although the population was increasing quite rapidly. Wilmington became more and more a town whose inhabitants found their means of living in the city while they made their homes in the country. Two more churches were established in the town: the Methodist Episcopal, incorporated in 1863, and the Roman Catholic Church, completed in 1868. The school system of the town was considerably improved with the erection of the West School in 1875, the Walker School in 1890, the South School in 1899, and the Whitefield School in 1906, in addition to those of the four original school districts.

In 1880, the town observed its 150th anniversary with a gala celebration.

The year 1880 introduced the Telephone Exchange into the town. This was the first of many of the improvements in public services which came to Wilmington. A serious fire in 1903 in the Square inaugurated the Wilmington Fire Department. Meanwhile, the Police Department was gradually increasing from a single constable to a number of officers.

In 1915 the new Wilmington High School was dedicated, replacing the school that is now known as the Centre School

Again Wilmington men answered their country's call in 1917 when the first World War commenced. Of the 137 to who responded, three did not return, and to their memories, now are three memorial parks.

The post-war scene was another of improvement for the town, continuing on through the next two decades. The late 20's

witnessed the installation of a modern water system and the erection of a bank building and two new store blocks at the Centre.

From that time until the present the town has continued to improve and prosper in its semi-rural locality. It has a heritage of which the townspeople need not feel ashamed. There have been many tangible benefits in the past and more are in sight in connection with the post-war years.

Invited guests, members of the school committee, Mr. Bean, Mr. Hood, members of the faculty, and of the graduating class--
This evening marks for us an end--and a beginning. It is the end of many happy years, the end of some pleasant associations, and the end of both truimphs and defeats alike. However, it is also the beginning of new ideas, new interests, new friendships. If this occasion were only an ending it might well be one of deep regret, but since it does mark a beginning too, let us be glad and thank those who have made it possible for us to achieve this moment.

SALUTORY

School Board, Mr. Bean, Mr. Hood, Faculty, Parents, invited guests:

It is my privilege to welcome you here this evening in behalf of the Class of 1947. "The Past is forever gone, the Future still our own." We are grateful to our parents who have stood by us never wavering in their belief that we should achieve success. We also thank our teachers for their patience, our principal, our superintendent, and school committee and all friends who have been interested in our progress and who have helped us attain the heights from which we may see into the Future.

"THE STORY OF BOOKS"

The book family is a very old and a very noble one, and has rendered great services to mankind, although, as with other great houses, all its members are not of equal worth and distinction. But since books are so common nowadays as to be taken quite as matters of course, probably few people give any thought to the long chain of events which, reaching from the dim past up to our own day, has been necessary for their evolution. Yet if we look around on our bookshelves, whether we measure their contents by hundreds or by thousands, and consider how mighty is the power of these inanimate combinations of "rag-paper with black ink on them," and how all but limitless their field of action, it is but a step further to wonder what the first books were like.

Man's first attempt to preserve his communications was the drawing of pictures on stone or smooth bone, representing the beast he hunted, or perhaps himself, or one of his fellows. These early drawings are the gems from which sprang writing, the parent of books, and liberator of literature.

The Egyptians progressed to idea-pictures as a better way of conveying thought. These were called hieroglyphs or sacred writing on stone and papyrus. The Chinese also began in picture-words or sign-words, and still use them.

Five thousand years ago, the Babylonians wrote on flat tablets and cones made from clay. The wedge-shaped characters which the tablets bore were made by impressing the wet, soft clay with a triangular-pointed instrument of wood, bone, or metal. The tablet was then baked, and rendered exceedingly durable. This was called wedge-shaped or cuneiform writing.

The Seirites simplifies hieroglyphs into letter signs, and the Phoenicians developed these into the alphabet.

The Greeks accepted the Phoenician alphabet, adding the necessary vowels. Later, the Roman world borrowed the alphabet from the Greeks, using wax tablets, as well as stone, for writing.

In the middle ages, fine books were made of sheepskin or parchment. Some of the most

beautiful books in the world are found in the illuminated manuscripts of the medieval monasteries, for at that time books, being rare, were appreciated, and it was deemed a worthy thing to make a good book and to make it beautiful.

Two thousand years ago, the Chinese developed paper, and the discovery spread from Asia, remaining unknown to Europe until the Arabs introduced it about the tenth century, A. D. The first American paper mill was not built until 1690.

One of the greatest inventions in history was the printing press. The first printed book was a Bible, probably printed by Johannes Gutenberg about 1438. Before the end of the fifteenth century eighteen European countries were printing books. Italy headed the list with seventy-one cities in which presses were at work, Germany followed with fifty, France with thirty-six, Spain with twenty-six, and Holland with fourteen. At first, books were too costly for the average person, and they were found only in the homes of the wealthy. Gradually, however, as more books were printed, reading matter became available to everyone. Books meant education, and education lifted man from the depths of ignorance. The printing press now produces thousands of fine books every year, and modern transportation and communication make these available to millions of readers.

In closing I should like to quote a few lines from Carlyle's "Heroes and Hero-Worship".

"In books lies the soul of the whole Past Time: the articulate audible voice of the Past, when the body and material substance of it has altogether vanished like a dream.

"The true University of these days is a Collection of Books."

ESSAY

RACIAL TOLERANCE

Tolerance is defined in the dictionary as willingness to be open-minded and patient toward people whose opinions or ways differ from one's own. Tolerance should play an important part in our lives, especially when we think of the many religions, parties, creeds, and races which make up the people of the world. I believe that racial tolerance is one of the most important of these, something we should strive for today. It is not something trivial, which has started in the past few years because of the war in which we fought; but it is something of the utmost importance which has been present since our earliest history.

Even since the Pilgrims landed on our continent, three-hundred and twenty-seven years ago, people of all nations have been coming here to make their homes and live according to their beliefs. Immigrants become citizens of the United States by being naturalized. They do this because they want to be Americans, to live and believe as Americans do. They are recognized by our government as true Americans, and should be accepted by us as well. Many people, however, still look upon them as Frenchmen, Germans, Italians, Chinese, or whatever nationality they were. When they became naturalized they surrendered all ties and obligations to their former government and, instead, pledged allegiance to our United States. None of us are completely American; we are all of some foreign descent. Because a person is not of the same descent as you or I is no reason to reject him.

Our Declaration of Independence, adopted in 1776, contains these words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident:--That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable

rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The fourteenth amendment to our Constitution, adopted in 1868, guarantees the right of citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States. The fifteenth amendment, adopted in 1870, guarantees the right of a citizen, of any race or color, to vote. All men are created equal no matter what their race, creed, or color. All are entitled to the same privileges.

America is a democracy, a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. We believe in having the kind of government we want, and we believe in other nations having the kind of government they want. To protect our rights, and the rights of smaller and weaker countries, we entered two world wars. There was no racial distinction in selecting those who were to serve in the armed forces and those who were to work at home. There was no racial distinction on the battlefields when the men fought and died side by side. These people were willing to do all in their power to prevent a fanatic, who wanted nothing that anyone else believed in, from ruling the world. There should be no racial distinction now, at home.

The United Nations' Organization is an assembly of delegates from all the allied nations of the world. These delegates, working together, are striving to solve our international problems and secure a lasting peace and harmony between all nations. To succeed, this organization must have complete cooperation. It cannot succeed if there is discord among the people of these nations. There will not be a lasting peace if the people of one race condemn those of others and believe that theirs is the only race able to rule the nations and the world.

Racial tolerance is something that must be taught and practiced at home. Magazine articles and movies on tolerance are becoming more common, but these alone will not bring it about. People must remember that America is a democracy, a government of all the people, by all the people, and for all the people; and that we are a nation, indivisible, promising liberty and justice for all.

CLASS HISTORY

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We, the members of the class of nineteen hundred forty-seven, will never forget that eventful day in September of nineteen hundred forty-three when we proudly entered the portals of Wilmington High School. How strange and new everything was to us! Becoming Freshmen was the first stage of our adulthood. We were proud to be walking down those corridors with the upper classmen passing by and giving us sympathetic, and at the same time, amusing glances.

We, as all Freshmen classes, were confused for the first few days as to which doors to enter, on which side of the corridors to walk, and what the bells stood for. After a few weeks, we overcame our timidness and became normal high school students lade with books and homework.

Although we did not meet as a class in our Freshman year, we did take part in the spring concert and had E. Melzar and G. Porter represent us in the May Day Festival. This ended our Freshman year. We were now started on our way to the top.

After our summer vacation, we were all rested and anxious to return to school to take over our position as the Sophomore Class.

Our first class meeting was held a few weeks after our return. This meeting proved to be a forum rather than a class meeting as there were many able and worthy candidates for the offices. After much discussion and many nominations, we finally chose the following to lead us during the year: Burtt Holmes, President; Robert Swain, Vice President; Frederick Bischoff, Treasurer; and Elizabeth Melzar, Secretary.

In December, we held the "Mistletoe Hop" which was entertaining as well as successful and proved to us that we were capable hosts and hostesses.

In May, Geraldine Porter was chosen as our representative for the May Day Festival. This was the last one to be held during the remainder of our school career. We were happy to welcome Marjorie Johnston to our class.

We now had reached the middle rung on the ladder which would lead us to the top. Our Junior Year was mixed with studies, activities, and sports. By now our boys were old enough to take an active part in football, baseball, and basketball. Without them the teams would have shown a decided deficiency.

Our class officers were choosen early in the year and consisted of Frederick Bischoff, President; Robert Swain, Vice President; John Elia, Treasurer; and Elizabeth Melzar, Secretary. We appointed an executive committee which was to look into matters of interest to the class as a whole and report them to us. We also had several of our members appointed to the newly-formed Student Council. This Council was formed for the purpose of establishing cooperation and better understanding between the teachers and the student body.

Our first dance in our Junior year was held in November and appropriately named the "Turkey Hop." This dance was very successful as was the "June Send-Off" held on the last day of school in our Junior year.

During this year, Earle Gates, William Hickey, and John Hourihan joined our ranks.

In May, we joined with the Senior class and held the Junior-Senior Prom at the Reading Country Club the last of May. This proved to be the gala social event of the year.

A noticeable change had taken place during the short time that had elapsed between June and that September day when we walked into our home rooms as Seniors. We realized that these were the last steps toward our goal.

Our first Senior class meeting was held for the purpose of electing our class officers for the last time. We chose Frederick Bischoff, President; Burtt Holmes, Vice President; Geraldine Porter, Secretary; and Dorothy Oman, Treasurer. Gertrude Leverone joined us this year.

After some controversy, we finally decided upon Purdy as our official photographer, Dieges and Clust as our class jeweler, and The University Cap and Gown Company as our class costumer.

We held our first dance in November in the form of a "Poverty Dance." This dance was enjoyed by all as they were able to come, relax, and have fun.

The football banquet was held at a local ballroom where the boys were awarded sweaters and silver footballs. The townspeople made a good showing at this banquet and made known their support is behind the local boys.

In January, we held another dance called the "January Freeze." The "Variety Dance" was held in March with special novelty dances and prizes to the lucky winners. The high light of the evening came when a sketch was put on by several of the Senior boys. They were dressed in evening gowns and burlap sacks, but still proved to be very entertaining actors.

The Student Council's publication "The Oracle" was published for the first time during this year. The publication was under the supervision of the Senior members of the Student Council. This paper kept us informed of the latest social events, sports, and local chatter. We hope our successors carry on the good work and keep the publication alive.

The "Grande Finale" was held in April and was the last class dance for us, as well a as being one of the best dances of the year.

Our prom was held at the Reading Country Club in May and was well attended by the Juniors, Seniors, and their partners.

This was the last get-together for us.

We, the members of the class of nineteen hundred forty-seven have reached that goal for which we have been striving for twelve untiring years. We have reached the top, and will never forget those twelve years because later we will look upon them as the happiest of our lives. They gave us new friends, taught us new things, and started us on the road of life.

CLASS WILL

We, the famed class of 1947, of Wilmington High School, Wilmington, Massachusetts being of sound mind and body, do make and declare this to be our Last Will and Testament, and bequeath the following to members and friends of this Senior Class:

To Faculty--Our sincere appreciation and gratitude for their help during our four years.

To Juniors--We leave our desks in Room 201, and for those who come at the end of the alphabet, a few desks in Room 202.

To Sophomores--We leave all our school books, answers included, so they will not have to cram for tests.

To Freshman--We leave our intelligence and sharp wit to make their days easier and brighter.

To our School--We leave our composite picture to inspire all future graduates.

To Vincent Anomonisto--A contract with the Wilmington Red Sox, as star pitcher, valid anytime to play anything.

To Norman Arbo--A dust cloth so he may keep his fast Ford sparkling bright.

To Mary Bemis--A penny so she may never be without money.

To Fred Bischoff--A brush so he can control his whiffle.

To Charles Blake--A black book so that he may keep an accurate list of his favorite telephone numbers.

To Robert Bosteels--A box of candy for that sweet tooth of his.

To Richard Buck--A Pilot's License for his ability to "fly low" through Wilmington.

To Jean Burbine--A small comb and mirror to put an end to her borrowing.

To Emily Clements--A bangle bracelet to add to her already large and varied collection.

To Dorothy Connolly--A harmonica so that she may keep her voice on pitch while singing.

To Bernice Doucette--A shorthand notebook and pencil, so that she will be equipped to enter the business world.

To Estelle Downs--A tube of longer-lasting lipstick to save wear and tear on Chuck's handkerchiefs.

To Ronald Eaton--A small black notebook so that he may keep a list of all his women!

To Robert Findlay--A large eraser so he may be accurate in his bookkeeping career.

To Robert Finney--A joke book so he may always be the life of the party.

To Geraldine Fitch--A pad of paper, so she may continue with her sketching.

To Earle Gates--A leash so that he may hold onto Mildred.

To Jean Gearty--A quarter so she may journey to Wigginsville to see, you all know who!

To Joseph Gilligan--A pair of purple socks to complete his many sharp outfits--ah yes, bring on the sun glasses--please!

To William Hickey--A set of paints so he may continue with his art.

To Roberta Hillis--A box of stationary so that she may catch-up on her correspondence.

To Burtt Holmes--A flashlight so that he may find his way to Nancy's on dark, dark, nights.

To John Hourihan--A history book to remind him of his many enjoyable sessions after school with Mr. Driscoll.

To Elizabeth Huntley--A loose-leaf notebook that she may use at college in the fall.

To Verda Johnson--A private telephone, so that she will not be bothered with male

eaves-droppers on party lines.

To Marjorie Johnston--One of the latest hep records to add to her collection so she keep up on the newest jive steps.

To Gertrude Leverone--A tardy slip to remind her of the many times she was late for class.

To Frederick Lilley--A book of cross word puzzles, so he may never have an idle moment.

To Albert Manson--An apron to remind him of his many enjoyable days as manager of the Economy store.

To Muriel Martin--A bottle of blonde shampoo so her hair may always be as lovely as it is now.

To Everett McQuaid--A small truck so that he may aid his father in delivering foodstuffs.

To Libby Melzar--A bottle of exotic nail polish to brighten her many costumes.

To Charlotte Moore--A compass so that she may find her way from one department to another in Jordan's.

To Catherine Murray--A booklet on how to lead a "Hardy" life.

To Nancy Noble--A fingernail file so she may keep her nails neat.

To Phyllis O'Leary--A "loving cup" for her expert match-making.

To Dorothy Oman--A check book to remind her of the fun and happiness of being the Senior Treasurer.

To Ann Palmer--A wrist watch so she will never be late!

To William Peters--An eye-lash curler to curl those long sweeping lashes.

To Geraldine Porter--A medal for her achievement in sports.

To Shirley Quigg--A pair of scissors so she may give herself a "feather-bob."

To Alice Rooney--A dish rag to use in her future home.

To Dorothy Smith--A box of face powder to camouflage her blushing!

To Grace Smith--An automobile so that she can take the Class of '47 for a joy ride.

To Robert Soule--A whistle to warn pedestrians to beware!!!!

To Rufus Stevens--A wolfing permit, good only in Wilmington--need we say more!

To Bernard Surrette--A pencil to remind him of the many short history quizzes.

To Robert Swain--A muscle building tonic so he may put his best foot forward.

To Mildred Waisnor--A Gregg 15 minute speed test to remind her of the happy moments spent in her favorite sport.

To Josephine Wandell--A package of bobby pins so she may always have curly hair.

To Julia Webber--A set of combs so her hair will always be nice and neat.

To James Welling--A package of "Pep" to enable him to become another "atlas".

To Theodore Wicks--A lifes membership card to a bachelors' club, for the tall men.

To John Elia--A small memo book, so he may jot down all his witty sayings for posterity.

To Joseph Hardy--A set of wavers for his blonde locks, to help nature.

To Sidney Kaizer--A package of notebook paper so he may keep up on scientific terms, and achieve his ambition to be a chemistry professor.

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the Class of '47 as our Last Will and Testament, we hereunto set our hand and seal.

CLASS PROPHESY

There was one empty seat left and two of us were standing. The inevitable mad scramble followed and we both secured seats, at the expense of a frail, old lady, who stood gazing forlornly at the seat she had so recently occupied. As the woman beside me glared back, the old lady shifted her bundles and moved to the rear of the subway.

A feeling of shame swept over me as a gentleman offered her his seat.

I turned to look at my worthy opponent and to my surprise, I found it was an old classmate--Gertrude Leverone. She had gained experience in hand-to-hand combat from passing in the corridors at W. H. S.

After the proper greetings had been exchanged, we talked of old times.

"Will you ever forget the class reunion in 1957?" asked Gert. "Remember how Fred Lilley was thrown out for starting a riot? Marjorie Johnston was doing a ballroom dance and Fred accidentally touched one of the balloons with a cigarette."

"Whatever became of the rest of our class?" I asked.

"Well, Vincent Anomanisto is driving this subway. They told him that if he were to continue driving he must stay on the tracks. He'd be safer that way.

"James Welling is the country's top clarinet player. He has his own band which features Ted Wicks as the vocalist. He really sends them with the second chorus of Don't Wake Me In The Morning, Mother, 'Cause I Don't Want To See You Go To Work! No one can tell who is singing until Ted steps out from behind the microphone.

"John Hourihan developed muscles, and is a physical instructor. Ronald Eaton works with him, posing as the body John will turn into a man's.

"Bob Bosteels is back in the navy. He's serving under Admiral Everett McQuaid in the Silver Lake Fleet.

"Dorothy Smith is looking after the household affairs while Norman Arbo and Charles Blake are in Turkey. Norman is a missionary and Charlie is at last satisfied, he owns a harem. He's keeping Ann Palmer busy though. Ann writes a love-lorn column and Charlie has every problem in the book.

"Remember Roberta Hillis and Chuck Hickey were dissatisfied with their graduation pictures? They opened their own studios and specialize in pictures of dissatisfied customers.

"Richard Buck is really telling the teachers where to get off now--he's a bus driver.

"Kay Murray and Jean Burbine are the editors of the magazine Banned. That's the women's answer to Esquire.

"Alice Rooney and Nancy Noble operate a beauty salon. Bernard Surrette is the hair specialist. These girls invented the famous Waffle Cosmetics, (successor to Pancake Make-up.)

"Rufus Stevens, and Robert Swain share the coaching honors at the new Wilmington High School.

"Dr. Dorothy Oman and her cute nurse, William Peters are giving Undertaker Libby Melzar a flourishing business.

"Earle Gates and Mildred Waisnor are set for life. Earle achieved his ambition and built a suspension bridge over the Maple Meadow Brook.

"Robert Soule is a high pressure salesman. He specializes in selling axes to beavers and shovels to gophers.

"You know Wilmington now has a women's fire department, (guaranteed to save the foundations) led by Charlotte Moore. Phyllis O'Leary has an important part--she's the little squirt that puts out the fires. At the last fire, Billy Finney had to be rescued six times.

"Of course you are going to the party tonight. Mary Bemis (she's the modern Elsa Maxwell) is the hostess. Leuitenant-Governor Burtt Holmes and his stooge--I mean, Governor Fred Bischoff will be there. Muriel Martin, the world famous historian and author of 'Twelve Years at Hard Labor' or 'Why I Graduated in '47' is the guest of honor."

"I'm sorry," I replied, "but I don't think I can make it. Tell me, is Professor Joseph Gilligan still chasing escaped atoms with a butterfly net? I guess he studied chemistry a little too hard."

I finally reached my stop. I bid ado to my former classmate and left her. As the subway roars away a feeling of pride surges over me, pride in the fact that I am, and was, a member of the wonderful class of '47.

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